

Appl. No. 09/594,808
Amd dated November 25, 2003
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Docket No. CIT/K-114

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-18, 20, 23-27, and 30-33 are currently pending in the above-referenced patent application. Claim 3 has been amended by way of the present Amendment.

Claim 3 has been amended to correct an obvious clerical error. Specifically, claim 3 was previously dependent on claim 19. Claim 19 was cancelled by way of the Amendment filed July 7, 2003. However, due to a clerical error, the Applicants did not change the dependency of claim 3 from claim 19 to claim 1. Accordingly, to reduce issues on appeal, the Applicants have amended claim 3 to change its dependency from cancelled claim 19 to independent claim 1. The Applicants respectfully submit that this Amendment does not create any new issues, as the recitations of cancelled claim 19 were previously incorporated into independent claim 1.

Entry of the amended claims is proper under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 since the amendments: (1) place the application in condition for allowance (for the reasons discussed herein); (2) do not raise any new issues requiring further search and/or consideration (since the amendments amplify issues previously discussed throughout prosecution without incorporating additional subject matter); (3) satisfy a requirement of form asserted in the previous Office Action; and/or (4) place the application in better form for appeal. Entry is thus requested.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that any additional changes would place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney, Daniel H. Sherr at the telephone number listed below.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 16-0607 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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